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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYMarlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554Re. ***Ex Parte Notice***, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45Nextel Partners, Inc. Petitions for Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission's") Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter provides notice that on March 11, 2004, counsel for Nextel Partners, Inc. ("Nextel Partners") Albert J. Catalano and Ronald J. Jarvis of Catalano & Plache, PLLC, met with Eric Einhorn, Thomas Buckley, Anita Cheng and Karen Franklin of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division to discuss the status of Nextel Partners' ETC petitions currently pending before the Commission in light of the recent Commission Order in the *Virginia Cellular* ETC designation proceeding.

An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 338-3200

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Eric Einhorn

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